

REMARKS

Claims 4-13, 15-16, 18, 22-26 are pending in the application, claims 1, 3, 14 have been canceled with the instant amendment; claims 24, 25, 26 have been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 3-5, 9-11, 14, 15, 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Behnke et al. (US 4,791,831)*. Claims 1, 3, 14 have been canceled; the remaining claims have been made dependent on allowed claims 7 and 16, respectively.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Behnke et al. (US 4,791,831)* in view of *Kitahata et al. (US 6,209,409)*. Claims 12 and 13 have been made dependent on allowed claim 7.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 6-8, 16, 18, and 23 are allowed. New claims 24, 25, 26 corresponding to original claim 22 have been added as dependent claims of allowable claims 6, 16 and 23.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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